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U.S. Application No. 10/084,484 Examiner CHU, Art Unit 2114 Amendment in Response to February 23, 2005 Final First Office Action

REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 23, 2005, the Assignee respectfully requests entry of this amendment. Assignee respectfully submits that this amendment places the pending claims in a condition for allowance.

Allowance of Claims 14, 15, & 29-39

Examiner Chu indicates that claims 14, 15, and 29-39 are allowed. Examiner Chu is thanked for the allowance.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e)

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,219,648 to Jones et al. Claims 1-11, however, have been cancelled, so the rejection is moot.

Rejection of Claims 12 & 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 12, 13, and 16-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a). These claims, however, have been cancelled, so the rejection is moot.

If any issues remain outstanding, the Office is requested to contact the undersigned at (919) 387-6907 or <u>scott@scottzimmerman.com</u>.

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